

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 28, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The Office Action only "objects" to dependent claims 4 and 5, and advises that they would be allowable if they are placed in independent form. In order to secure a patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment cancels claim 4 and transfers its subject matter to claim 1. Claim 1 thus now corresponds to claim 4 (now cancelled) in independent form. The present Amendment also cancels claim 5 and replaces it with a new independent claim 25. Claim 25 is a combination of claim 1 and claim 5 (now cancelled), and is therefore equivalent to claim 5 in independent form. The present Amendment also adds a set of claims depending from claim 25. The new dependent claims are the same as those depending from claim 1, except they depend from claim 25.

In summary, claims 1 and 25 now correspond to the objected-to claims in independent form, so it is respectfully submitted that they are in condition for immediate allowance. Since the remaining claims depend from claims 1 and 25, and recite additional limitations to further define the invention, they are automatically patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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